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LITTLE BALD MOUNTAIN FIRE UPDATE

Grantsville, Utah – August 5, 2008 – The lightning caused Little Bald Mountain fire is approximately 513 acres and estimated to be 62% contained. The fire is located in South Willow Canyon in the Stansbury Mountains near Grantsville. The fire started July 31, 2008 and is burning in heavy timber and steep rocky terrain.

Yesterday, the fire slowly continued to back down hill towards the South Willow Canyon road and continued to smolder in brush and understory with single tree torching in areas. **Today**, crews continue to strengthen existing fire lines while putting out hot spots and cold trailing. All engines will be patrolling fires edge on the road. Two medium helicopters and one sky crane will continue to support crews. Portions of the fire are located within the Deseret Peak Wilderness and are being managed by MIST (Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics) to minimize environmental damage. Crews will start rehab of fire line today. At 6:00 p.m. today the management of the Little Bald Mountain Fire will be turned over to Mike Wilde's Type 2 Incident Management Team. This will allow local initial attack resources that have been committed to the fire to be available for new fire starts.

Resources assigned: Eight 20 person crews, 3 helicopters, and 5 engines are currently assigned to the fire. Resources are from Nevada, Utah, and Idaho.

Closures – Box Elder Canyon, South Willow Canyon, North Willow Canyon, and campgrounds in those areas are closed for public safety and to allow access for fire suppression equipment. The fire is approximately 2 miles from private residents located at the mouth of South Willow Canyon. At this time the threat to these residences is minimal.

Cooperators are from the following agencies – Tooele County, Grantsville City, Layton City, Utah Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands, Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake County and U.S. Forest Service.

For additional information visit the www.utahfireinfo.gov.